
Special Courses for Permanent Status

The Background:

A local school district can request approval to offer a course that is not on the list of permanent courses approved by the State Board of Education (i.e., a special course). State Board of Education Rule 0520-01-03-.05(2)(a) requires that these special courses be approved by Department of Education for each of the first three years that the course is offered by the local school district. After three years, a course may become a permanent part of the local school district upon approval by the State Board of Education.

The courses on the attached list have been offered by school districts for three years or more and are being submitted for permanent approval in that district. These courses have been:

- Submitted to the department with a complete set of standards;
- The standards have been reviewed by content experts at the department; and
- The courses have met the academic criteria set by the department.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends acceptance of this item on first reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.